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B E F O R E: Adrienne Adams, Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Shaun Abreu
- Joann Ariola
- Alexa Avilés
- Diana Ayala
- Charles Barron
- Erik Bottcher
- Justin L. Brannan
- Gale A. Brewer
- Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
- Joseph C. Borelli
- Tiffany Cabán
- David M. Carr
- Carmen De La Rosa
- Eric Dinowitz
- Amanda Farias
- Oswald Feliz
- James Gennaro
- Jennifer Gutiérrez
- Kamillah Hanks
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Ari Kagan
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Linda Lee
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Christopher Marte
Darlene Mealy
Julie Menin
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Keith Powers
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Kristin Richardson Jordan
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Carlina Rivera
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Lynn Schulman
Althea Stevens
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Sandra Ung
Marjorie Velázquez
Inna Vernikov
Nantasha Williams
Julie Won
Kalman Yeger

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen at this
3 time please place all electronic devices, all
4 electronic devices to vibrate. Mr Majority Leader

5 [GAVEL]

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Good afternoon and
7 welcome to the stated meeting of October 5, 2023.
8 I'm Majority Leader Keith Powers like to thank
9 everyone for joining us here today. If you'd like to
10 follow along the agenda for today's meeting is posted
11 on the city council website.

12 COUNSEL: Please join us for the Pledge of
13 Allegiance.

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Roll call.

16 CLERK: Abreu?

17 COUNCILMEMBER ABREU: Present.

18 CLERK: Ariola?

19 COUNCILMEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

20 CLERK: Avilés?

21 COUNCILMEMBER AVILÉS: Presente.

22 CLERK: Ayala?

23 CLERK: Barron?

24 COUNCILMEMBER BARRON: Here.

25 CLERK: Bottcher?

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2 COUNCILMEMBER BOTTCHEER: Present.

3 CLERK: Brannan?

4 COUNCILMEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

5 CLERK: Brewer?

6 COUNCILMEMBER BREWER: Here.

7 CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

8 COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Here.

9 CLERK: Cabán?

10 COUNCILMEMBER CABÁN: Present.

11 CLERK: Carr?

12 COUNCILMEMBER CARR: Present.

13 CLERK: De La Rosa?

14 COUNCILMEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

15 CLERK: Dinowitz?

16 COUNCILMEMBER DINOWITZ: Present.

17 CLERK: Farias?

18 COUNCILMEMBER FARIAS: Present.

19 CLERK: Feliz?

20 COUNCILMEMBER FELIZ: Here.

21 CLERK: Gennaro?

22 COUNCILMEMBER GENNARO: Here.

23 CLERK: Gutiérrez?

24 COUNCILMEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Present.

25 CLERK: Hanif?

2 COUNCILMEMBER HANIF: Here.

3 CLERK: Hanks?

4 COUNCILMEMBER HANKS: Present.

5 CLERK: Holden?

6 COUNCILMEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

7 CLERK: Hudson?

8 COUNCILMEMBER HUDSON: Here.

9 CLERK: Joseph?

10 COUNCILMEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

11 CLERK: Kagan?

12 COUNCILMEMBER KAGAN: Present.

13 CLERK: Krishnan?

14 COUNCILMEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

15 CLERK: Lee?

16 COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Here.

17 CLERK: Louis?

18 COUNCILMEMBER LOUIS: Present.

19 CLERK: Marte?

20 COUNCILMEMBER MARTE: Present.

21 CLERK: Mealy?

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEALY: Here.

23 CLERK: Menin?

24 COUNCILMEMBER MENIN: Here.

25 CLERK: Moya?

2 CLERK: Narcisse?

3 CLERK: Nurse?

4 COUNCILMEMBER NURSE: Here.

5 CLERK: Ossé?

6 CLERK: Paladino?

7 COUNCILMEMBER PALADINO: Here.

8 CLERK: Restler?

9 COUNCILMEMBER RESTLER: Here.

10 CLERK: Richardson Jordan?

11 COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Present.

12 CLERK: Riley?

13 COUNCILMEMBER RILEY: Present.

14 CLERK: Rivera?

15 COUNCILMEMBER RIVERA: Present.

16 CLERK: Salamanca?

17 CLERK: Sanchez?

18 COUNCILMEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

19 CLERK: Schulman?

20 COUNCILMEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

21 CLERK: Stevens?

22 COUNCILMEMBER Stevens: Here.

23 CLERK: Ung?

24 COUNCILMEMBER UNG: Present.

25 CLERK: Velázquez?

2 COUNCILMEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Present.

3 CLERK: Vernikov?

4 CLERK: Williams?

5 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

6 CLERK: Won?

7 COUNCILMEMBER WON: Here.

8 CLERK: Yeger?

9 COUNCILMEMBER YEGER: Here.

10 CLERK: Borelli?

11 COUNCILMEMBER BORELLI: Here.

12 CLERK: Majority Leader Powers?

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Here.

14 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now

17 have Today's invocation which will be delivered by

18 Pastor Luis Avilés from Casa De La Fe Church located

19 at 1810 Randall Avenue in the Bronx

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

21 PASTOR AVILÉS: Amen. Let's pray. Oramos todos.

22 Amante padre celestial, te damos gracias por darnos

23 la oportunidad de poder verla la luz de nova dia.

24 Gracias por las fuerzas que los das para poder

25 levantar nos se emprender las farinas diarias, a

2 favor de nuestra comunidad y tomar las mejores
3 decisions para ser de ciudad de New York, con estado
4 seguro para nuestras familias nuestros jóvenes, y
5 nuestros niños.

6 Amado Dios, guía a cada líder y funcionario de
7 nuestro gobierno a laborar en unidad en pro de
8 líderes que trabajen unidos para una ciudad unida.
9 Estamos conscientes que sin ti todo nuestro esfuerzo
10 fuera imposible, porque eres tú que nos das la
11 sabiduría a inteligencia para ser tu voluntad por lo
12 tanto libran nos de todo mal, libran nos de todo
13 peligro, Dios. Tú eres un Dios justo, amoroso, y
14 eterno, deseas la justicia para todos, y para siempre
15 para defender los derechos de los demás. Permite que
16 tu paz reina en cada ciudadano, que reine el amor en
17 el corazón, para que la venganza ira y la violencia
18 desaparezca por siempre y para siempre. Siempre
19 quedaremos la gloria. Amen

20 Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you for giving
21 us the opportunity to see the light of a new day.
22 Thank you for the strength you give us to be able to
23 get up and undertake the daily tasks in favor of our
24 community, and make the best decisions in order to
25 make the City of New York a safe state, for our

2 families, our youth, and our children. Dear God,
3 guide every leader and official in our government, to
4 work in unity so that our leaders may work together
5 for a united city. We are aware that without you,
6 all our efforts will be impossible, because it is you
7 who gives us the wisdom and intelligence to do your
8 will. Therefore free us from all evil, and from all
9 danger. You are a loving and eternal God, because
10 you want justice for all and forever to defend the
11 rights of others. Allow your peace to reign in every
12 citizen. Let love reign in our hearts so that
13 revenge, anger, and violence will disappear forever
14 and ever. We will always give you the glory, heavily
15 God, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy
16 Spirit. Amen. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. I now ask
18 councilmember Amanda Farías to spread the invocation
19 on the record.

20 COUNCILMEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you Majority Leader.
21 And a special thank you to Pastor Avilés for
22 spreading the invocation over today's stated meeting.
23 It was a beautiful message. I've had the immense
24 pleasure of working with him and the congregation at
25 Casa De La Fe in my first term, as many of you are

2 familiar, to create a 100% affordable housing project
3 for seniors in Soundview, to age in place with
4 dignity and with their community.

5 He is a relentless advocate and fighter for our
6 community. And I'm grateful for him joining us
7 today. Thank you

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now
9 move to the adoption of the minutes.

10 COUNSEL: None.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Messages and papers from
12 the mayor.

13 COUNSEL: None.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communication from city
15 county and borough offices none. petitions and
16 communications.

17 COUNSEL: None.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land use callups.

19 COUNSEL: None.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now
21 have communication from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you Majority Leader. And
23 good afternoon everyone. I want to begin by
24 acknowledging the death of a 27-year-old man at
25 Rikers this morning. His death marks the ninth, the

2 ninth death at Rikers this year, and follows on the
3 heels of Donny Ubiera's death just six weeks ago.

4 As these deaths and the continued violence
5 underscore public safety demands that we close Rikers
6 without delay. I also want to acknowledge the
7 heartbreaking death of one-year-old Ella Vitalis in
8 Brooklyn. Losing a baby is always painful and
9 tragic, and my heart is with her loved ones and
10 community grieving baby Ella's loss.

11 I also want to take a moment to express my
12 condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of
13 32-year-old Ryan Carson, a beloved community and
14 environmental activist who was killed while waiting
15 for the bus in Brooklyn earlier this week. By all
16 accounts, Ryan was a passionate, devoted and kind New
17 Yorker who dedicated his life to preventing overdose
18 deaths and creating a better future. Our hearts-- As
19 several of us knew him. Our hearts are with his
20 loved ones during this difficult time.

21 Too many New Yorkers lives have been lost and
22 affected by violence. Comprehensive solutions that
23 prevent violence and help survivors and communities
24 recover from it are needed to advance public safety.

2 In observance of breast cancer awareness month,
3 the Women's Caucus is partnering with the American
4 Italian-- With the American Italian Cancer Foundation
5 to bring a mammogram bus to the front of City Hall
6 today until 4:30pm. They will be providing free
7 mammograms for those ages 40 and up. So if you're
8 eligible and interested, I encourage you to sign up
9 through our women's caucus.

10 On Thursday, October 12, at 5:30 p.m., the
11 Council will be hosting its Hispanic Heritage Month
12 celebration right here in the Council Chambers.
13 Thank you in advance to our hosts, Deputy Speaker
14 Diana Ayala, and Councilmembers Alexa Avilés, Amanda
15 Farías, Jennifer Gutiérrez, Chris Marte, Carlina
16 Rivera, Rafael Salamanca, Pierina Sanchez, and
17 Marjorie Velázquez. We look forward to a fantastic
18 and festive celebration.

19 This morning members of our Jewish caucus, and
20 other members, and I had the honor of hosting a
21 Sukkot celebration at the sukkah in front of City
22 Hall. And what I love about Sukkot is that it's an
23 inclusive and joyous holiday that provides us the
24 opportunity to break bread with our friends and
25 neighbors. We also presented City Council

2 proclamations to Jewish community leaders,
3 [inaudible] and Ruth Lichtenstein. Chag Sameach to
4 all who celebrate.

5 October is National Domestic Violence Awareness
6 Month, a time when we recognize and uplift survivors
7 of domestic violence. Here in New York City,
8 thousands of domestic violence cases are reported
9 each year. Yet we know there is an undercount due to
10 the trauma and stigma associated with domestic
11 violence, resulting in survivors living in fear and
12 silence. We must all work together to end gender-
13 based violence and advance solutions that keep
14 survivors safe and help them recover.

15 October marks the start of Italian American
16 Heritage and Culture Month, German American Heritage
17 Month, Filipino American Heritage Month, and Polish
18 American Heritage Month.

19 I also want to recognize October as AIDS
20 Awareness Month, Dyslexia Awareness Month and
21 National Bullying Prevention Month.

22 In the upcoming days, we will also be celebrating
23 several important holidays including Uganda
24 Independence Day on October 9, Cuba Independence Day
25 on October 10, Indigenous Peoples Day on October 10,

2 and World Teachers Day on October 11. October 11th
3 is also National Coming Out Day, which was first
4 observed in 1988 in support of our LGBTQIA+
5 communities. It celebrates coming out as an act of
6 liberation that confronts silence and ignorance and
7 combats homophobia. Visibility is critical, and
8 that's why we stand in ally ship with our LGBTQIA+
9 communities.

10 Finally, I want to wish a very early happy
11 birthday to Councilmembers Julie Menin, Charles
12 Barron, Bob Holden, and Justin Brannan.

13 [APPLAUSE]

14 Now let's move on to our stated agenda. First,
15 we'll vote on the following finance items:

16 A transparency resolution approving new
17 designations and changes of certain organizations
18 receiving funding in the expense budget.

19 Next, we'll vote on the following Land Use Item
20 42-18 31st Avenue rezoning will facilitate a six-
21 story mixed use building with 33 housing units, 9
22 affordable units, commercial space on the ground
23 floor, and automobile and bicycle parking spaces and
24 Councilmember Won's district. The Council is
25 modifying the application to strike MIH option 2 and

2 add the deep affordability option resulting in MIH
3 option 1, and the deep affordability option as the
4 remaining applicable MIH options.

5 Today we will vote on the following resolutions:

6 Resolution 475. Sponsored by council member
7 Amanda Fariás calls on the New York State Legislature
8 to pass, and the governor to sign legislation to
9 create a purple alert system for missing victims of
10 domestic violence. Thank you to our staff members
11 Elizabeth Arzt, Christy Dwyer, and Sahar Mosami.

12 We will also vote on the following pieces of
13 legislation:

14 Introduction 857 A, sponsored by Education
15 Committee Chair Rita Joseph would expand
16 disaggregated data currently captured by the
17 Department of Education's reports, including
18 reporting on the evaluation for and the provision of
19 special education services to include students who
20 are in foster care or in temporary housing. Thank
21 you to our staff members, Sahar Mosami and Nadia
22 Jean-Francois.

23 Introduction 576 A, also sponsored by
24 Councilmember Joseph, would require the Department of
25 Parks and Recreation to inspect and issue a report on

2 each public restroom under its jurisdiction that has
3 routinely been given an unacceptable rating after
4 inspection. The report would be required to be
5 published on the department's website. Thank you to
6 our staff members Chris Sartori and Patrick
7 Mulvihill.

8 Introduction 1065 A, sponsored by Councilmember
9 Eric Bottcher, would require the creation of an urban
10 forest plan that aims to expand the tree canopy from
11 the current 22% coverage to 30% coverage. The plan
12 would be required to evaluate the distribution,
13 health, and stability of the city's urban forest,
14 identify the causes of tree canopy and urban forest
15 gain or reduction, and recommend strategies to
16 remediate any urban forest loss as well as prevent
17 similar loss in the future, and facilitate gain in
18 the tree canopy. In addition, the legislation
19 requires an outreach plan to educate property owners
20 by providing them with information and strategies on
21 how to protect and expand the trees and vegetation
22 located on private property. Under this bill, the
23 city would be required to collect data to monitor the
24 effectiveness of the plan and the condition of the
25 tree canopy at least every five years. The urban

2 forest plan must be submitted to the mayor and the
3 council and be updated every 10 years. Thank you to
4 our staff members Kris Sartori, Patrick Mulvihill,
5 and Connor Mealey.

6 Next we'll vote on Introduction 703 A, sponsored
7 by councilmember Sean Abreu, which would require the
8 Department of Social Services to submit a quarterly
9 report on the timeliness of rental assistance
10 payments to the Council and its website starting on
11 March 1, 2024. This legislation will help address
12 late payments of CityFHEPS rental assistance
13 vouchers, a growing problem that places New Yorkers
14 at risk of evictions. Thank you to our staff members
15 Aminta Kilawan and David Romero.

16 Introduction 78 A, sponsored by Councilmember
17 Gale Brewer, would require the Department of Consumer
18 and Worker Protection to create an informal campaign
19 concerning workers' rights under the Earned Safe and
20 Sick Time Act. The campaign would include the
21 distribution of flyers, posters, and other written
22 materials through pharmacies, doctors' offices and
23 other health-related institutions to educate the
24 public and workforce.

25 Excuse me.

2 Introduction 818, also sponsored by Councilmember
3 Brewer, would require the Department of Consumer and
4 Worker Protection to implement an outreach and
5 education campaign regarding the Temporary Schedule
6 Change Act. Under this law, covered employees have
7 the right to temporary changes in their work schedule
8 for certain personal events. The outreach and
9 education shall be provided to employers, employees,
10 and members of the public who are likely to be
11 affected by the law. Thank you to our staff members
12 Elizabeth Arzt, Rie Ogasawara, Natalie Meltzer, and
13 Sarah Swaine.

14 And Introduction 1094 A, sponsored by Criminal
15 Justice Committee Chair, Carlina Rivera, would
16 require the Department of Correction to record all
17 interactions when an incarcerated individual is
18 informed of their scheduled court appearance. It
19 would also require DOC to provide this information
20 and real time updates regarding an incarcerated
21 individuals departure from their housing facility on
22 the date of a scheduled appearance to defense
23 attorneys. In addition, monthly data on court
24 production outcomes would be required for submission
25 to the Mayor, the Council, and DOCs website. More

2 than one quarter of people detained in our city's
3 jails were not brought to court on time for their
4 hearings and trials between September and December
5 2022. This record-high rate of failure has
6 contributed to growing lengths of stay for those
7 detained in city jails. An April report by the
8 federal monitor found that the average stay is 115
9 days, which is four times the national average. The
10 longer those who are incarcerated stay in jail, the
11 larger our jail population, and that must be resolved
12 as we get closer to the 2027 deadline to close
13 Rikers. It's critical that our city government take
14 steps to ensure those who are detained are brought to
15 their court hearings and trials on time, and this
16 legislation will help advance those efforts. Thank
17 you to our staff members, Natalie Meltzer, and Jeremy
18 Whiteman.

19 Thank you all for your attention and I turn it
20 back over to our Majority Leader.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Speaker
22 Adams. We're going to now move into the discussion
23 of general orders. We will begin with Councilmember
24 Brewer and followed by Councilmember Rivera.

2 COUNCILMEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. I'm
3 here to talk about Intro 78 and Intro 818 mentioned
4 by the Speaker. They are ongoing informational
5 campaigns, first Earned Safe and Sick Time Act, which
6 I call the Paid Sick Time Act, and Temporary Schedule
7 Change Act. I want to point out this is the 10th
8 anniversary of the passage of the city's earned sick
9 time law, which I had a lot to do with many years
10 ago, and I want to thank all the groups that were
11 part of that including The Better Balance, Community
12 Service Society, Make the Road, CWA, and many labor
13 partners and working families, and all the
14 individuals that actually talked about, at that time,
15 3.4 million private sector workers in New York and
16 1.2 million who had no access to paid sick time
17 before the law was passed. And since then, that law
18 has been several times expanded, to a good thing,
19 more family, adding domestic violence, and increasing
20 time available for workers at larger employers.

21 The Temporary Schedule Change Act passed in 2017
22 was part of a really wonderful Council package of
23 laws under the Fair Work Week and Fast Food Worker
24 Empowerment Bills. And yet two years after all of
25 this, and those two bills in particular, Community

2 Service Society did a report finding that
3 unpredictable scheduling abuses are still widespread,
4 particularly for low-wage workers. And A Better
5 Balance has also published a report finding the same
6 findings. So, we know that real change doesn't end
7 with the passage of any law. That's why we have
8 these two laws today.

9 I want to thank Manhattan Borough President Mark
10 Levine for your partnership on Intro 78, and
11 Community Service Society also. I want to say in
12 terms of paid sick days, or it is called earned sick
13 time law, I really want to thank former CSS employee
14 Nancy Rankin because she wrote it. I also want to
15 thank Sherry Leiwant from A Better Balance.

16 And then quickly Speaker Adams, Chair Velázquez,
17 and the Committee on Consumer Worker Protection,
18 Chair De La Rosa of the Committee and Civil Service,
19 and all the amazing staff, Andrea Vazquez, Rachel
20 Cordero, Smita Deshmukh, Sarah Swan, Natalie Meltzer,
21 Ria Ogasawara, and Elizabeth Arzt, and certainly
22 Shula Puder from my office.

23 Thank you very much.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now
3 hear from Councilmember Rivera followed by
4 Councilmember Bottcher.

5 COUNCILMEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. We are voting
6 today on Intro 1094 A, a bill to create transparency
7 and accountability to ensure that the Department of
8 Correction fulfills one of its primary duties which
9 is bringing people to court.

10 During the first quarter of this year, DOC's
11 court production rate was at about 85%. Based on
12 statistics from the Criminal Justice Agency, this is
13 nearly the same rate at which criminal defendants who
14 remain at liberty can be expected to attend their
15 court appearances.

16 Undoubtedly, many factors contribute to this
17 problem, but among them are understaffing and
18 antiquated management systems. These issues are
19 unacceptable and must be addressed. This bill
20 requires the Department of Corrections to record
21 interactions in which an individual is informed about
22 a scheduled court appearance and report on rates of
23 court production.

24 Public defender's, family on behalf of detainees,
25 and advocates testified at a May City Council hearing

2 that incarcerated people charged with crimes are
3 regularly not being brought to their court
4 appearances, even though ensuring that they get to
5 court is a primary reason why they are held before
6 trial.

7 This bill ensures accountability on both sides,
8 as all stakeholders agree the most impactful way we
9 can reduce the numbers at Rikers Island is to improve
10 case processing and reduce the length of stay.

11 Nearly a quarter of the individuals that Rikers have
12 been in custody for over a year, and 87% of those on
13 Rikers are pretrial. Between 2016 and 2022, the
14 average length of stay at Rikers increased 89% from
15 61 days to 115 days.

16 When people are not produced for court it further
17 stresses in already backlogged court system. It can
18 delay a person's release. It can delay connections
19 to vital programs and services. Extended time in
20 pretrial detention is bad for everyone. It increases
21 the likelihood of conviction and subsequent
22 recidivism. And it's essential we expedite case
23 delays, and at the very least provide a very basic
24 function. I encourage my colleagues to vote aye.
25 And I'm very thankful to the criminal justice

2 committee staff, my own team, the legislative team,
3 and the advocates.

4 Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now
6 hear from Councilmember Bottcher, not in his old
7 wardrobe-- yearbook wardrobe, and Councilmember
8 Joseph.

9 COUNCILMEMBER BOTTCHER: Thank you so much. Last
10 Friday's flooding is just the latest reminder about
11 how badly prepared we are to handle the effects of
12 climate change here in New York City. It's yet
13 another cry for help from our planet and a demand
14 that we take action now. One of the actions We can
15 take and must take is increasing the permeability of
16 the surface in New York City. The-- The water last
17 week, it had nowhere to go. And we know that we can
18 do that by planting street trees throughout every
19 neighborhood in New York City.

20 So today instead of just talking about it, we are
21 legislating it. Intro 1065 will require the
22 Department of Parks to, in consultation with other
23 agencies, and stakeholders, government and non-
24 government to create an urban forest master plan and
25 establish a goal of 30% tree canopy coverage

2 equitably across New York City. It will also require
3 the Parks Department to conduct an outreach campaign
4 to property owners on how to properly care for the
5 street trees that we have.

6 Since I took office in our district, we've
7 planted around 500 trees. Many of those trees will
8 not survive. We need everyone's help in caring for
9 those trees. In addition to helping with stormwater
10 runoff, these trees are going to purify the air, cool
11 our neighborhoods in the summer, provide habitat for
12 wildlife, and increase and uplift our quality of life
13 all around. I want to thank Speaker Adams, Parks
14 Chair Krishnan, the Forest For All Coalition, Carl
15 Wilson and Hannah Moses from my office and the
16 council staff that helped make this bill possible.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now
18 hear from Councilmember Joseph.

19 COUNCILMEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you Majority Leader.
20 As the Education Chair, I am excited about the
21 passage of Intro 857 A, a law that requires the
22 Department of Education to expand disaggregated data
23 into reporting to include matrix on students in
24 foster care and students in temporary housing.

2 This bill is personal to me as a mother of two
3 boys who are part of the foster care system. I am
4 compelled to do my best to improving the lives of
5 kids and young adults who are part of the system now.
6 Too often we neglect the level of resources and
7 support we're providing for them to succeed. By
8 requesting the New York City public school to provide
9 the data it's reporting to include metrics of
10 students in foster care and students in temporary
11 housing, we are ensuring that the data about them are
12 available for us to evaluate and better assist them
13 when they enter a New York City public schools.

14 Also today we're tackling public restrooms in New
15 York City. My bill Intro 576 A, in partnership with
16 the Manhattan Borough President will require the City
17 in New York City Park departments to report on
18 features and conditions of public restrooms. This
19 bill will ensure that our public restrooms are
20 accessible and well maintained to ensure that we are
21 upholding the model of equity and innovation in our
22 city. I thank Chair Krishnan and my staff.

23 Thank you so much.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Do we have
25 anyone else signed up to speak? Okay. We'll now

2 move into-- Seeing none, we'll now move into the
3 report of special committees.

4 COUNSEL: None.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Report of standing
6 committees.

7 COUNSEL: Report of the Committee on Civil
8 Service and Labor, Intro 78 A, Workers Rights
9 Informational Campaign.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled of general
11 orders.

12 COUNSEL: Report of the Committee on Consumer And
13 Worker Protection, Intro 818 A, Temporary Schedule
14 Change Act.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general
16 orders.

17 COUNSEL: Report of the Committee on Criminal
18 Justice, Intro 1094 A, Court Production Reporting.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended a coupled on general
20 orders.

21 COUNSEL: Report to the Committee on Education
22 Intro 857 A, DOE Reporting.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general
24 orders.

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2 COUNSEL: Report of the Committee on Finance pre-
3 considered Reso 806, Transparency Resolution.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general
5 orders.

6 COUNSEL: Report the Committee on General
7 Welfare, Intro 703 A, City-Funded Rental Payments.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general
9 orders.

10 COUNSEL: Report of the Committee on Parks and
11 Recreation, Intro 576 A, Public Restrooms.

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general
13 orders.

14 COUNSEL: Intro 1065 A, Urban Forest Plan.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general
16 orders.

17 COUNSEL: General Orders Calendar LU 260 and Reso
18 811, and LU 261, and Reso 812, 4218 31st Avenue
19 rezoning.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general
21 orders.

22 I ask now that the clerk take a roll call vote on
23 all of the items coupled on today's general orders
24 calendar.

25 CLERK: Abreu?

2 COUNCILMEMBER ABREU: Aye

3 CLERK: Ariola?

4 COUNCILMEMBER ARIOLA: I'd like to disclose that
5 DSNY is in the transparency resolution and my son
6 Matthew is an employee of DSNY. I am aye on all with
7 the exception of Intros 1094 A and 818 A of which I
8 am a no.

9 CLERK: Thank you. Avilés?

10 COUNCILMEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

11 CLERK: Thank you. Ayala?

12 CLERK: Barron?

13 COUNCILMEMBER BARRON: I vote no on LU 260 and
14 accompanying Reso 811, no on LU on 261 and
15 accompanying Reso 812, and aye on all.

16 CLERK: Bottcher?

17 COUNCILMEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Brannan?

19 COUNCILMEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

20 CLERK: Brewer?

21 COUNCILMEMBER BREWER: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

23 COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Cabán?

25 COUNCILMEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Carr?

3 COUNCILMEMBER CARR: I'd like to disclose on the
4 record that in the transparency resolution, CUNY is
5 being funded, and my spouse is a student at CUNY. I
6 vote no on introduction 818 A and 1094 A and aye on
7 the rest.

8 CLERK: Thank you. De La Rosa?

9 COUNCILMEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Dinowitz?

11 COUNCILMEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Farias?

13 COUNCILMEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye on all.

14 CLERK: Feliz?

15 COUNCILMEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all, and I'd like to
16 disclose that I work for the CUNY system, which we
17 are funding today. Thank you.

18 CLERK: Thank you. Gennaro?

19 COUNCILMEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

20 CLERK: Gutiérrez?

21 COUNCILMEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

22 CLERK: Hanif?

23 COUNCILMEMBER HANIF: Aye.

24 CLERK: Hanks?

25 COUNCILMEMBER HANKS: Aye.

2 CLERK: Holden?

3 COUNCILMEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all, except for
4 Intros 1094 A and 1818 A of which I vote no.

5 CLERK: Hudson?

6 COUNCILMEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

7 CLERK: Thank you. Joseph?

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Kagan?

10 COUNCILMEMBER KAGAN: I would like to disclose
11 for the record that my daughter is a CUNY student,
12 and transparency resolution is funding CUNY. I am
13 saying nay to 1094 A and 818 A, and aye on everything
14 else.

15 CLERK: Krishnan?

16 COUNCILMEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

17 CLERK: Lee?

18 COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Louis?

20 COUNCILMEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all and would like
21 to disclose for the record that my sister is a
22 student at CUNY.

23 CLERK: Marte?

24 COUNCILMEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Mealy?

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEALY: Aye.

3 CLERK: Menin?

4 COUNCILMEMBER MENIN: Aye.

5 CLERK: Moya?

6 CLERK: Narcisse?

7 CLERK: Nurse?

8 COUNCILMEMBER NURSE: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Ossé?

10 CLERK: Paladino?

11 COUNCILMEMBER PALADINO: Aye on all, except for

12 1094 A and 818 A.

13 CLERK: Thank you. Restler?

14 COUNCILMEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

15 CLERK: Richardson Jordan?

16 COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: I vote Aye.

17 CLERK: Thank you. Riley?

18 COUNCILMEMBER RILEY: Aye.

19 CLERK: Rivera?

20 COUNCILMEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye on all.

21 CLERK: Salamanca?

22 COUNCILMEMBER SALAMANCA: Uh, permission to

23 explain my vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

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2 COUNCILMEMBER SALAMANCA: So the Parks Department
3 is funded in this transparency Reso and my spouse is
4 associated with that organization. And I vote aye on
5 all.

6 CLERK: Thank you. Sanchez?

7 COUNCILMEMBER SANCHEZ: I'd like to disclose on
8 the record that my brother is staff at CUNY BMCC.
9 And with that, I vote Aye.

10 CLERK: Schulman?

11 COUNCILMEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Stevens?

13 COUNCILMEMBER Stevens: I would like to disclose
14 for the record that my daughter is a student at CUNY
15 and also an employer for Presbyterian Hospital, and I
16 vote aye on all.

17 CLERK: Thank you. Ung?

18 COUNCILMEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Velázquez?

20 COUNCILMEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: I'd like to disclose on
21 the record that my spouse works for DEP, and that my
22 brother is a board member of Samaritan of New York.
23 I vote aye on all, except 1094 A, which I abstain.

24 CLERK: Thank you. Vernikov?

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2 COUNCILMEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all, except 1094
3 A and 818 A. Thank you.

4 CLERK: Williams?

5 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on all and
6 just disclosing for the record that I'm still a
7 student at CUNY.

8 CLERK: Thank you. Won?

9 COUNCILMEMBER WON: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Yeger?

11 COUNCILMEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with the
12 exception of Intros 818 and 1014.

13 CLERK: Thank you. Councilmember Riley?

14 COUNCILMEMBER RILEY: Yeah, thank you. I just
15 wanted to disclose for the record that we're funding
16 the public schools and my daughters are students
17 there. Thank you.

18 CLERK: Thank you. Borelli?

19 COUNCILMEMBER BORELLI: I'd like to disclose on
20 the record that I am a distinguished adjunct lecturer
21 at CUNY. And I'd like to disclose that the speaker
22 is actually the answer to a bonus question on my
23 midterm next week. With that, I vote aye on all
24 except Intros 1094 A and 818 A.

25 CLERK: Thank you. Majority Leader Powers?

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I don't think any of
3 your students are watching so I don't think they're
4 gonna get that extra-- extra question. But with
5 that, I vote aye good luck to your students.

6 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: They may be watching Joe. I vote
8 aye on all.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All items on today's
10 general audit calendar are adopted with a vote of 47
11 in the affirmative, zero negative zero abstentions.
12 With the exception of Land Use Items 260 and 261 and
13 accompanying resolutions adopted by a vote of 46 in
14 the affirmative, one negative and zero abstentions,
15 Intro 818 A adopted by a vote of 39 in the
16 affirmative, eight negative and zero abstentions,
17 Intro 1094 A adopted by a vote of 38 in the
18 affirmative, eight negative and one abstention.

19 We'll now move into the discussion of
20 resolutions. I don't see anyone currently signed up
21 to speak on today's resolutions. Oh, we're going to
22 move to actually Councilmember Fariás to speak on
23 today's resolution.

24 COUNCILMEMBER FARIÁS: I was going to pass today
25 but I'm happy to.

2 So today we are voting on an important and urgent
3 resolution of mine, Reso 475 to call on New York
4 State to create a purple alert system for missing
5 victims of domestic violence. It's been reported
6 that with each minute that goes by in the United
7 States 20 people experience domestic violence. That
8 trend is only heightened here in my home borough of
9 the Bronx and continues to have the highest rates of
10 domestic violence in New York City. As we know,
11 domestic violence is a nationwide epidemic that
12 affects our families, our communities, and our
13 society as a whole. In these dire circumstances,
14 time is often of the essence. Therefore by creating
15 an emergency alert system specifically tailored to
16 address missing persons in cases of domestic violence
17 is an indispensable solution. This alert system has
18 the potential to save lives, reunite families, and
19 serve as a powerful deterrent against violent
20 perpetrators.

21 I stand united with my colleagues and fighting
22 this issue both at the city and state levels. That's
23 why I'm proud to have championed this resolution with
24 my colleagues and members of the Women's Caucus to

2 call on New York State to create a purple alert
3 system for missing victims of domestic violence.

4 Thank you to the state sponsors on this bill,
5 Assemblymember Anderson and Senator Salazar, and
6 Chair Cabán for championing this issue and their
7 leadership. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Seeing no
9 one else signed up to speak on our voice vote on
10 today's resolution. If you wish to vote against or
11 abstain from today's resolution, please notify the
12 legislative documents unit by email or by approaching
13 the dais. I will now read today's resolution into
14 the record. Resolution 475 calls on the New York
15 State legislature to pass and the governor to sign
16 legislation to create a purple alert system for
17 missing victims of domestic violence. Will all those
18 in favor please say aye.

19 ALL: Aye.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

21 ALL: [silence]

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstention?

23 ALL: [silence]

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it. We
25 will now move into the general discussion. We will

2 begin with Councilmember Barron followed by
3 Councilmember Brewer. You have two minutes each.

4 COUNCILMEMBER BARRON: Thank you, my colleagues.

5 I wanted to bring you to the attention of a
6 resolution I'm putting forth in protection of the
7 African People's Socialist Party and Chairman Omali
8 Yeshitela. And the reason why I'm bringing this
9 forward is because it's a severe abuse of power by
10 the FBI on black activists who speak out and dissent
11 against an American policy.

12 I just want to read you a little part of it.

13 On July 29th, 2022, at 5am in the morning, the
14 FBI stormed the home of Omali Yeshitela, Chairman of
15 the African People's Socialist Party in St. Louis,
16 Missouri. Yeshitela stated that the agents deployed
17 flash grenades, carried automatic weapons, damaged
18 the property of his neighbors, handcuffed him and his
19 wife. Agents refused to show him a search warrant
20 and absconded their cell phones and other devices in
21 their home and destroyed as much as they can.

22 Why did they do this? Because they said they
23 exercised their free speech to disagree with the
24 American government on the Ukraine war. They were
25 spreading Russian propaganda. They said that Russia

2 talked them into doing reparations forums when
3 they've been doing it for 50 years.

4 So this resolution is saying, beware, because if
5 it happened to them, it happened to Malcolm X here,
6 the Black Panther Party Panther 21, Tupac Shakur's
7 mother, Fannie Shakur, defended the Panthers. They
8 said they wanted to blow up Botanical Gardens, they
9 were acquitted. This has happened throughout our
10 history, WEB Dubois, Marcus Garvey. Stop the FBI
11 from this abuse of power against those who exercise
12 free speech and speak out on behalf of our movements.
13 We are calling on the local police department not to
14 assist the FBI and this abuse of powers.

15 We say drop the charges, hands off the Uhuru
16 Three. Forward ever.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
18 Councilmember. We will now go to Councilmember
19 Brewer, followed by Councilmember Carr.

20 COUNCILMEMBER BREWER: Thank you. Intro 1211.
21 It's a bill to provide those impacted by domestic
22 violence with guidance on making voter registration
23 records confidential. In 2021, Governor Hochul did
24 sign a bill to make it easier for those impacted by
25 DV to keep their registration records confidential,

2 but people don't know about it. So this particular
3 bill would require the office to end domestic and
4 gender-based violence, to distribute information to
5 individuals receiving services at the Family Justice
6 Centers and elsewhere, and assistance in preparing
7 and submitting written statements of the board of
8 elections so that their records are confidential.

9 Number two, Resolution 809 calls on the
10 legislature to pass the voting integrity and
11 verification act of New York. This is a response, as
12 you heard, that the board of elections on the state
13 level certified the Express Vote X-11.

14 Cybersecurity election experts universally panned
15 the touchscreen technology. Many states have
16 switched back to voter-marked paper ballots. And
17 this particular express vote uses Windows 10, and it
18 might be less secure, so we're concerned about that.

19 And then Resolution 810, I have long support of
20 expanding voter rights to young people. This
21 particular resolution supports the Hoylman Bill to
22 allow anyone to turn 16 By the end of December, to
23 register to vote in local elections as well as to
24 require the students in the 9th through 12th grade
25 receive a minimum of eight class periods worth of

2 civics education to accompany that. Thank you very
3 much.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
5 Councilmember. We're now going to Councilmember Carr
6 followed by Councilmember Ariola.

7 COUNCILMEMBER CARR: Thank you Majority Leader.
8 Chag Sukkot Sameach to all those who are celebrating
9 in the city today, especially our colleagues. I
10 appreciate Chair Dinowitz's invitation to the event
11 earlier today.

12 We're in the midst of Italian heritage month and
13 next week is Columbus Day. And my Italian caucus
14 colleagues and I will be marching in the parade next
15 week, and I invite any colleague here present and the
16 rest of us who would like to join us to please do so
17 on Monday.

18 And I know Columbus Day has become a source of
19 controversy in this city and in this day. But it was
20 a hard-fought holiday for which Italian forebears of
21 ours fought desperately for recognition. And our
22 community endured significant ridicule, caricature,
23 prejudice, discrimination, and even unfortunately at
24 times violence in its mission and its quest to find a
25 place in this country, and they did so, and this

2 colony has been celebrated for a number of years now.
3 Its first time nationally was in 1892, thanks to
4 President Benjamin Harrison. And it coincided
5 actually with the first publication of our Pledge of
6 Allegiance, a great marriage of Italian identity with
7 its new identity here as Italian Americans. And it's
8 been celebrated in statute since 1968.

9 It is something for which Italian Americans are
10 very proud. It's how we see ourselves and our
11 community as being a part of the American story from
12 its very beginning. And I hope that all my
13 colleagues join us in celebration next week. Thank
14 you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now go
16 to Councilmember Ariola followed by Councilmember
17 Riley.

18 COUNCILMEMBER ARIOLA: Thank you. As a member of
19 the Italian American Caucus and an Italian American
20 who represents a district with one of the largest
21 Italian American populations in the city, I
22 categorically reject the idea of renaming Columbus
23 Day to Italian-American heritage day. Doing so
24 minimizes the story of the Italian Americans struggle
25 in the United States, and glosses over the history

2 that my ancestors, and the ancestors of many of my
3 constituents experienced as they fought for
4 assimilation and acceptance into the wider fabric of
5 this nation.

6 Today, many people forget that struggle. They
7 forget that one of the largest mass lynchings in the
8 history of this nation was against Italian Americans.
9 When 11 Italian Americans were brutally murdered in
10 the city of New Orleans.

11 They forget the stereotypes, the violence, the
12 bigotry that our forefathers had to endure to make
13 Columbus Day a federal holiday. The name Columbus
14 and the celebration of Columbus Day has a much deeper
15 meaning for many of us, much deeper than simply
16 remembering just the Explorer and the individual.
17 And the meaning-- that meaning should not and cannot
18 be forgotten. It is a symbol of inclusion into
19 America of acceptance, and of defining our place in
20 American history.

21 The man himself may be a matter of debate for
22 another area. But what that day symbolizes for
23 Italian Americans is something very distinct. And
24 for that reason, I urge my colleagues to continue to

2 use the terminology that our ancestors fought so hard
3 for. Thank you for the time.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
5 Councilmember. We will now go to Councilmember
6 Riley, followed by Councilmember Hanif.

7 COUNCILMEMBER RILEY: Thank you majority leader.
8 I'm here to ask for your support on two bills I'm
9 introducing today, Intro 1217 and Intro 1218. Intro
10 1218 will require developers of economic development
11 projects receiving \$1 million or more in financial
12 assistance from the city or city's economic
13 development entity to provide prevailing wages to
14 workers performing construction work on such
15 projects.

16 When a city agency or city economic development
17 entity undertakes a project, they're not only signing
18 up to improve and redevelop a property, but also to
19 reinvest into those local communities with well-
20 compensated employment opportunities. This bill will
21 support job retention and growth for laborers,
22 mechanics, construction workers, and others who
23 deserve a prevailing wage.

24 This measure is not about stifling economic
25 growth or imposing burdensome regulations. It is all

2 about ensuring that as our city prospers, so do our
3 hard-working individuals who pour their sweat and
4 effort into building its future.

5 When we guarantee fair compensation, we are
6 strengthening our communities, reducing income
7 disparities, and creating a more stable and thriving
8 local economy.

9 Intro 1218 carries the promise of fair and just
10 compensation for our construction workforce, ensuring
11 that no worker is left behind in the pursuit of
12 progress for New York City.

13 Thank you to my colleagues, Councilmembers
14 Brannon, Restler, and Won, for co-sponsoring this
15 bill, and to all other members standing with me on
16 this piece of legislation. Thank you to the New York
17 City District Council of Carpenters for your
18 partnership and advocacy and supporting prevailing
19 wages for the hardworking individuals who both
20 literally and figuratively built the city.

21 The second bill is Intro 1217, which would
22 establish a framework for collaboration between the
23 Parks and Recreation and tree owners, striking the
24 balance between safe recommendations and individual
25 responsibilities for tree maintenance, particularly

2 for structurally unsound, privately owned trees. The
3 Department of Parks and Recreation will be permitted
4 to abate the danger posed by such trees if the owner
5 does not, within the time established by the order of
6 the trees possess imminent danger.

7 I encourage my colleagues to support both of
8 these pieces of legislation for equitable pay, and
9 promoting a proactive approach to public safety.

10 Thank you, Majority Leader.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now go
12 to Councilmember Hanif, followed by Councilmember
13 Schulman.

14 COUNCILMEMBER HANIF: Thank you. 1218 is a great
15 bill.

16 Today, I'm proud to introduce Intro 1212
17 alongside Councilmembers Restler, Gutiérrez, De La
18 Rosa, Hudson, Sanchez, Nurse, and Won.

19 On September 22, the administration announced
20 that shelter placements of single adult asylum
21 seekers would be capped at 30 days and threatened to
22 expand this policy to families with children moving
23 forward. This policy is undeniably cruel. It is
24 also counterproductive to our shared goals of getting
25 asylum seekers to a point of economic independence.

2 Forcing people out of the shelter makes it harder
3 for people to apply for asylum, TPS, and work permits
4 due to address change and lack of stability. We need
5 to be setting our new arrivals up for self-
6 sufficiency, not kicking them to the street. And
7 let's be clear, street homelessness is the inevitable
8 outcome of the 30-day rule.

9 Our bill would end the 30-day rule by prohibiting
10 the city from implementing limitations on stays at
11 shelters, HERRCs, and respite centers. It would
12 apply to asylum seekers and longtime New Yorkers
13 alike.

14 The mayor's directive is a short-sighted policy,
15 and the council needs to step up to prevent a spike
16 in street homelessness. I want to thank the Legal
17 Aid Society, Coalition for the Homeless, NYLAG,
18 Mobilization For Justice, Urban Justice Center, Open
19 Hearts initiative, WIN, Women In Need, Homeless
20 Services United for their support and collaboration
21 on this bill. I encourage my colleagues in the
22 council to sign on to this legislation as a sponsor.

23 Thank you.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. And finally
25 we hear from Councilmember Schulman.

2 COUNCILMEMBER SCHULMAN: Okay. What I want to
3 talk about is a couple of things. One is the Sukkot
4 ceremony today: I want to thank every single one of
5 my colleagues who attended. It was one of the
6 largest-attended events that we've had. I want to
7 thank the speaker for her unwavering support for the
8 Jewish community.

9 And I also-- on a totally separate note, as a
10 breast cancer survivor, I want to mention-- I know
11 that other folks have-- that October is Breast Cancer
12 Awareness Month. My breast cancer was found during a
13 routine screening. So I encourage people to get
14 screened. The Women's Caucus has a van outside of
15 253 Broadway. And somebody-- One of my colleagues
16 asked me, "What are you doing this month for breast
17 cancer awareness?" And I want to make people know
18 that I sent a letter to the governor yesterday.
19 There is a bill sitting on her desk that would force
20 insurance companies to pay for biomarker testing,
21 which means for cancer treatment, which would mean
22 that you get individualized treatment, and it's very
23 cutting edge and it's very-- and it's proven to save
24 lives.

2 And the governor's office got back to me today
3 and said they're looking at it this week. So I'm
4 very proud of that. So thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Do we have
6 any other folks sign up to speak? Seeing none, I'm
7 now calling on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close
8 today's stated meeting.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Are you sure?

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I mean, we can--

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you Majority Leader. The
12 stated meeting of October 5, 2023, is hereby
13 adjourned.

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



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